

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original) ~~A pigment~~ Pigment composition for the pigmentation of plastics, comprising 60-85% by weight of ~~characterised in that~~ one or more flake-form effect pigments, based on the pigment composition, and ~~are mixed with~~ an at least partially polar carrier material, which is an at least partially polar comonomer.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) ~~The pigment~~ Pigment composition according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the melting range of the carrier material is between 70 and 200°C.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) ~~The pigment~~ Pigment composition according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the copolymer is a ~~selected from the group consisting of the copolymers and~~ or terpolymer[[s]] with vinyl acetate, acrylate or acrylic acid comonomers, a polyvinyl alcohol copolymer[[s]], a polyvinyl ether copolymer[[s]], a polyvinylpyrrolidone copolymer[[s]], a polyethylene oxide copolymer[[s]], a acrylonitrile copolymer[[s]], a methyl methacrylate copolymer[[s]], a polyacetal copolymer[[s]], a polyamide copolymer[[s]] and/or a polyurethane copolymer[[s]].

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) ~~The pigment~~ Pigment composition according to Claim 1, wherein ~~characterised in that~~ the copolymer is an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer or ethylene-acrylic acid copolymer.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) The pigment ~~Pigment~~-composition according to Claim 1, wherein characterised in that the flake-form effect pigment is a pearlescent pigment, metal-effect pigment, multilayered pigment having transparent, semi-transparent and/or opaque layers, holographic pigment, BiOCl pigment and/or LCP pigment.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A pigment ~~Pigment~~-composition according to Claim 1, wherein characterised in that the pigment composition additionally comprises additives and/or auxiliaries.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) A process ~~Process~~ for the preparation of a pigment composition according to Claim 1, comprising mixing characterised in that one or more flake-form effect pigments ~~are mixed~~ with an at least partially polar carrier material with inflow of heat.

Claim 12 (Original) The process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 11, wherein characterised in that the at least partially polar carrier material is a partially polar copolymer. ~~and/or a mixture of two or more waxes, where at least one of the waxes is polar.~~

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) The process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 11, wherein characterised in that the mixing of the one or more flake-form effect pigments is mixed with an at least partially polar carrier material which carrier is ~~is carried out~~ in solution or has been melted. ~~or by melting.~~

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) The process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 11, wherein characterised in that the mixing of the one or more flake-form effect pigments and the at least partially polar carrier material is carried out at temperatures in the range from 70 to 240°C.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) The process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 11, wherein characterised in that additives are additionally added to the mixture of flake-form

effect pigment and carrier material.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended) ~~Use of the pigment composition according to Claim 1~~ In a process for the pigmentation of plastics ~~or~~ and for the production of masterbatches, comprising combining a pigment and polymer, the improvement wherein the pigment is one of Claim 1.

Claim 17 (New) The pigment composition according to Claim 1, which is in the form of a free-flowing powder.